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Probable Action of the Supreme Court. The probable action of the Supreme Court upon the vital questions growing out of the subject of reconstruction is exciting very general interest.

Some New York Herald, assuming that there is a some ground for all these outgivings, pertinently says:— "Here, then, we have the elements of a new conflict with Congress. The issue, in the appeal from Congress to the people, has been decided by the people against the President's policy and in favor of Congress.

Of course, it is impossible that the country should not regard with apprehension the possibility that the issue of a single man, influenced perhaps by the spirit which dictated the infamous Dred Scott decision, may be thrown into the scale to defraud the nation of the just fruits of its victory over treason and rebellion.

In the first place, the decision in the matter of military commissions for the trial of civilians does not have any necessary connection with the subject of the status of the Southern communities. It rests upon grounds of its own. It might have been consistently concurred in by one who was as radical upon the subject of Rebel State status as Charles Sumner himself.

In the second place, the Supreme Court has already decided that the late war was a territorial war, and not a mere personal war; that is, that the war was not merely "insurrectionary," and thus confined to those who personally took part in it, but was a territorial war between belligerent powers, so that the property even of loyal men living within the limits of the Southern army lines was enemy's property, and subject to confiscation. The decision was that the States rebelled as "States," that the war was "between the Northern and Southern States," that it was "no loose, unorganized insurrection," but that of a well-defined "belligerent power."

The inevitable logic of this decision is that the Rebellion destroyed all loyal and constitutional State Governments in the Rebel States, and that the Rebel State Governments were known to the Constitution and laws only as hostile and revolutionary powers, seeking to overthrow the Government of the United States.

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precedents in principle in every new State that has ever been admitted into the Union. Those precedents are uniform and universal that Congress alone can breathe the breath of life into a State organization.

Southern Novels from Northern Presses. We notice among the list of books lately published by various Northern houses the appearance of a new class, calculated to do no good, and probably much harm. We refer to the inundation of secession novels.

Literature is a world of itself, and what shall be rejected and what received depends on other grounds than any expression of opinion. But when the literary ability is evidently utterly valueless, where the doctrine is bad, and the story itself has no merit but its treason, we do most heartily condemn its publication in the North.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The Sabbath school of the SIXTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, B. SPRUCE street, below 8th St. will celebrate their anniversary on Sunday December 30, at 10 o'clock A. M.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH.—WEST CHESTNUT Street.—Rev. THOMAS S. MALCOLM will preach to-morrow morning, service to commence at 10 o'clock. Rev. G. A. FELTZ, Pastor of the Church will preach in the evening, services to commence at 7 1/2 o'clock. Strangers cordially invited.

FIFTH REFORMED CHURCH.—GREEN street near Sixteenth.—Services on Sunday by the Pastor, Rev. S. H. GIBST, at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Subject in the evening, "The Multiplication of Oil," sixth of series on "Elijah."

SOUTH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—CHURCH above Eleventh.—Preaching on Sabbath at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. by Pastor, Union Prayer Meeting at 7 1/2. Watch Meeting on Monday evening and extra services during the week.

CHURCH OF THE INTERCESSOR.—PROFESSOR Episcopal SPRING GARDEN Street, below Broad.—The Rev. J. W. BOYD, Rector, will preach at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Strangers welcome.

WEST ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—CORNER of EIGHTEENTH and ARCH Streets.—Preaching by Rev. J. H. KELLY, at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Strangers welcome.

WEST SPRUCE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The Rev. Dr. FERRELL, Chancellor of the University of Pennsylvania, will preach to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

ELEVENTH BAPTIST CHURCH.—TWELFTH Street, above Race.—Preaching on Sabbath Morning and Evening, by Rev. B. S. THARIN, Pastor, at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH.—BROAD and FITZWATER Streets.—Preaching by Rev. WILLIAM MEIKLE, of New York, at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M.

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—LOCUST Street, above Eleventh.—Preaching to-morrow by Rev. Dr. CATTELL, at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M.

THIRD REFORMED CHURCH.—TEINTH and FILBERT Streets.—Rev. J. W. DOUGLASS, Pastor, services to-morrow at 10 o'clock Morning, and 7 P. M.

NORTH BROAD STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. Dr. McVAIL, of Princeton, N. J. will preach to-morrow at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M.

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